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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Colonel Michael Zerbonia
4 on the occasion of his retirement from the Illinois State
5 Police on September 30, 2015, after 28 years of service; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Zerbonia joined the Illinois State Police
7 on September 21, 1987 with his appointment to Cadet Class 82;
8 upon graduating, he was assigned to the District 3 Patrol in
9 Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, Michael Zerbonia was promoted to the rank of
11 Sergeant in 1995; in 1996, he transferred to the Illinois State
12 Police Academy, where he worked to enhance the Academy's
13 physical skills section; in 1999, he was promoted to the rank
14 of Master Sergeant; in 2005, he was promoted to the rank of
15 Lieutenant; in 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and
16 served as the Bureau Chief of Logistics; in 2010, he was
17 selected to serve as Bureau Chief of the Medicaid Fraud Control
18 Unit; in 2011, he was named as District Commander of District 9
19 in Springfield, where he oversaw the Illinois State Fair and
20 State Inaugurations; in 2011, he was appointed to the rank of
21 Lieutenant Colonel; in 2012, he was appointed to the rank of
22 Colonel of the Division of Operations, where he served until
23 his retirement; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael Zerbonia is a Brigadier General in the
2 Illinois Army National Guard and was recently appointed as the
3 Assistant Adjutant General - Army; and

4 WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment as the Assistant Adjutant
5 General - Army, General Zerbonia was the Land Forces Component
6 Commander; he enlisted as a military policeman in the Missouri
7 Army National Guard in 1983; he was commissioned as a Second
8 Lieutenant on May 9, 1986 after completing the Reserve Officer
9 Training Corps program at Northeast Missouri State University;
10 in 1988, he transferred to the United States Army to serve as
11 an air defense artillery officer; in 1991, he joined the
12 Illinois National Guard to serve as the assistant air defense
13 coordination officer with the 1st Battalion of the 202nd Air
14 Defense Artillery Regiment; during his service, he supported
15 military operations in Poland, Turkey, and Germany; he also
16 deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from
17 June of 2005 to June of 2006 and to Afghanistan from September
18 of 2012 to June of 2013 in support of Operation Enduring
19 Freedom; and

20 WHEREAS, Michael Zerbonia and his wife, Diane, have one
21 son, Dominic; he is also a huge Oakland Raiders fan and a part
22 of the Raider Nation; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael Zerbonia will be remembered fondly by his
2 fellow ISP officers for his organizational pride of the
3 Illinois State Police, for proudly wearing his uniform daily,
4 and for being a hardworking and extremely energetic State
5 Trooper; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Colonel Michael Zerbonia on the occasion of his
9 retirement from the Illinois State Police, we wish him well on
10 his new assignment as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army of
11 the Illinois National Guard, and we wish him continued success
12 and happiness in the future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Michael Zerbonia as a symbol of our esteem and
15 respect.